

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Peet KASK

Serial No.: New

Filing Date: February 9, 2001

For: FLUORESCENCE INTENSITY MULTIPLE DISTRIBUTIONS
ANALYSIS: CONCURRENT DETERMINATION OF DIFFUSION
TIMES AND MOLECULAR BRIGHTNESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately preceding the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application claims priority from and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/181,564, filing date February 10, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2";

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 2";

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 4",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 5",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 6",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 7",
insert --claim 1--;

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Claim 9, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 8",
insert --claim 1--;
Claim 11, line 1, delete "one of the claims 7 to 10",
insert --claim 7--;
Claim 12, line 1, delete "claims 1 to 11",
insert --claim 1--;
Claim 13, line 1, delete "claims 1 to 12",
insert --claim 1--;
Claim 14, line 1, delete "claims 1 to 13",
insert --claim 1--;
Claim 15, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 14",
insert --claim 1--;
Claim 16, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 15",
insert --claim 1--;
Claim 17, lines 1-2, delete "any of the claims 1 to 16",
insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

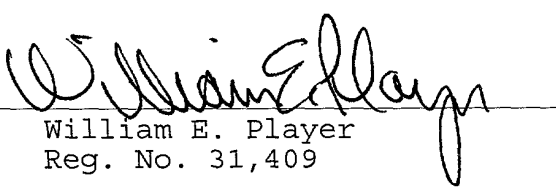
The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee, as well as place the application in better form for examination.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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